GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UN AID TO POOR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations (UN) has appealed for internationalaid to help nearly 15 million people facing severe malnutrition in East and West Africa ; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto including the details of the assistance proposed to be provided to these countries ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) India has taken decision to provide food aid to a few African countries affected by drought through bilateral channels at a cost of Rs.31.74 crores.